GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
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NATIONAL POLICY ON SHIPPING
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a national policy on shipping and shipbuilding;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study in regard to problems being faced by the shipping industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) : The Government had constituted a National Shipping Policy Committee in 1997.The Committee made 31 recommendations in all which were examined by an Empowered Committee, constituted by the Ministry. The Empowered Committee recommended acceptance of 26 recommendations and of these, action for implementation of 18 recommendations have already been taken. The remaining recommendations mainly pertain to fiscal and financial incentives to shipping industry and presently the following proposals are being pursued in consultation with Ministry of Finance.

(i) Tax relief to Indian seafarers.

(ii) Infrastructure status to Coastal Shipping.

(iii) Introduction of Tonnage Tax in lieu of corporate Tax.

There is no proposal to formulate a National Policy on Shipbuilding.However, an Apex Committee on Shipbuilding constituted by the Government has submitted its report. The recommendations made by the Committee have been examined and appropriate action initiated.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) & (e) : Do not arise.